

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 7, 9 and 15-31 remain active in this application.

The claimed invention is directed to skin and hair treatment methods.

Applicants wish to thank examiner Yu for allowing claims 9 and 23-31 and indicating that claim 7 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is overcome.

The rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S. C. §112, first paragraph, enablement is obviated by appropriate amendment.

Applicants have now amended claim 7 to a scope which the examiner has indicated as enabled by deleting “preventing skin roughness.” As the examiner has indicated that claims of the scope of “reinforcing the water retaining ability of the horny layer or a skin barrier function” and “remedying skin roughness” are enabled to those of ordinary skill in the art, and the claims are so limited, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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